THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) According to ICMR, workers in slaughter houses are exposed to various infectious diseases such as Brucellosis, Erysipeloid, Leptospirosis, Dermatophytosis and warts. These diseases are transmitted through contact with the infected animals or through the contamination of water. The data in respect of number of people infected by such diseases is not centrally maintained.

(c) and (d) State Pollution Control boards have pursued slaughter houses to set up requisite pollution control facilities to ensure proper management of waste. Slaughter houses have also been asked to adopt modern slaughtering operations for good environmental management.

Illegal import of foreign drugs

1922. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some chemists in Delhi are importing foreign drugs like Imipenen and plavix through airline pilots and air hostesses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) As per the feedback available from Government of NCT of Delhi, no specific instance of import of foreign drugs like Imipenen and Plavix through Airline Pilots and Air hostesses has come to the notice of the drugs control department, Government of NCT of Delhi.

Proposal for new rail lines from Maharashtra and Punjab

1923. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals for new railway lines have been received from Maharashtra and Punjab Governments during 2004-05 and 2005-06 particularly with respect to connectivity from Chandigarh to Ludhiana by fast trains;

(b) if so, what are details of sanctioned works of new rail lines/gauge